

What is claimed is:

1. A method of generating a computer font, comprising:
providing a sheet having a grid pattern, the grid pattern providing blank spaces with an indication of the character associated with each blank space;
writing the associated characters in the blank spaces;
scanning the sheet to digitize the written characters;
associating the digitized characters with the corresponding characters of a character set according to the position of the written characters on the sheet; and
storing the associated and digitized characters as a font.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the blank spaces are associated with alphabetical characters.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the blank spaces are associated with numerical characters and one or more of the blank spaces are associated with symbolic characters.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein one of the blank spaces is associated with a signature.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of writing the associated characters includes writing characters in a color other than black, the method further comprising the step of associating the digitized character with the color of the written character and wherein storing the associated and digitized characters as a font includes storing the association of color for each character.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of providing a sheet includes printing the sheet with each character printed adjacent each blank space associated with the character and wherein each printed character is the indication of the character to be written in each blank space.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the grid pattern provides a registration of the sheet and wherein associating the digitized characters with the corresponding characters includes determining the orientation of the character from the registration of the sheet.

8. A computer system for creating a font, comprising:
- a sheet having a grid pattern, the grid pattern providing blank spaces with an indication of the character associated with each blank space, the blank spaces containing hand-written characters;
 - a scanner that digitizes the hand-written characters;
 - a processor in communication with the scanner, the processor being configured to receive the digitized characters from the scanner, associate the digitized characters with the characters of a character set based upon the position of the written characters on the sheet, and store the associated and digitized characters as a font.
9. The computer system of claim 8, wherein one or more of the written characters are alphabetical characters and one or more of the written characters are symbolic characters.
10. The computer system of claim 8, wherein one or more of the written characters are numerical.
11. The computer system of claim 8, wherein one of the blank spaces is associated with a signature.
12. The computer system of claim 8, wherein the sheet includes characters written in a color other than black, and wherein the processor is further configured to associate the digitized character with the color of the written character and store the association of color for each character for the font.
13. The computer system of claim 8, further comprising a printer in communication with the processor, wherein the processor is further configured to cause the printer to print the sheet with each character printed adjacent each blank space associated with the character and wherein each printed character indicates the character to be written in each blank space.

14. The computer system of claim 8, wherein the grid pattern provides a registration of the sheet and wherein the processor is further configured to associate the digitized characters with the corresponding characters by determining the orientation of the character from the registration of the sheet.

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15. A computer program product encoding computer executable instructions, the computer executable instructions enabling a method for creating a font, wherein the method comprises:

scanning a sheet to digitize written characters on the sheet, the sheet having a grid pattern that provides blank spaces with an indication of the character associated with each blank space and wherein the written characters are positioned within the blank spaces;

associating the digitized characters with the corresponding characters of a character set according to the position of the written characters on the sheet; and

storing the associated and digitized characters as a font.

16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the written characters include alphabetical characters.

17. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the written characters include numerical characters.

18. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein one of the blank spaces is associated with a signature and one or more of the blank spaces is associated with symbolic characters.

19. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the sheet includes characters written in a color other than black, and wherein the step of associating the digitized characters includes associating the digitized character with the color of the written character and storing the association of color for each character for the font.

20. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the grid pattern provides a registration of the sheet and wherein the step of associating the digitized characters with the corresponding characters includes determining the orientation of the character from the registration of the sheet.